

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 27 June 2019
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies and, as such, receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for the Economy - Minerals & Petroleum Department	Petroleum Licence Application PLA1/16 EHA Exploration Ltd	The DfE is consulting on an Application for a Petroleum Licence by EHA Exploration Ltd which relates to The South Lough Neagh Basin. DfE has accepted the application as a valid application.	5 July 2019	Planning
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/petroleum-licence-application-pla116		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
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Department for the Economy – Minerals & Petroleum Department	Petroleum Licence Application PLA2/16 Tamboran Resources (UK) Ltd	The DfE is consulting on an Application for a Petroleum Licence by Tamboran Resources (UK) Ltd in relation to Lough Allen Basin North, South West Co Fermanagh. DfE has accepted the application as a valid application.	5 July 2019	Planning
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/petroleum-licence-application-pla216		
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Queen's University Belfast (QUB)	New Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy	QUB is consulting on an updated Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy. The previous 2008 policy is being revised as a result of an equality screening exercise. The policy applies to students and applicants for courses, employees, job applicants and anyone who works for the university.	9 August 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/HumanResources/diversity-and-inclusion/policies-currently-under-consultation/		
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Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Companies House	Corporate Transparency and Register reform	Consultation on new proposals to enhance role of Companies House, increase the transparency of UK corporate entities and combat economic crime. The consultation considers reform to the information companies are required to disclose, increasing the checks on this information and measures to improve the exchange of intelligence between Companies House and UK Law Enforcement bodies.	5 August 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/corporate-transparency-and-register-reform		
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Department for Infrastructure Planning Group	New Draft Model Licence conditions 2019 for caravan sites	The proposed Draft Model Licence conditions will assist councils in deciding the conditions to attach to caravan site licences. They will apply to: - permanent residential caravan sites; - holiday caravan sites; - touring caravan sites; - Traveller or Roma sites.	31 July 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/draft-model-licence-conditions-2019-caravan-sites		
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NILGOSC	Funding Strategy Statement - circular 05/2019	Under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, NILGOSC is required to prepare, maintain and publish a Funding Strategy Statement which sets out the framework for funding of all pension liabilities. The regulations also require that the FSS and any subsequent changes to it must be agreed following consultation with stakeholders.	31 July 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nilgosc.org.uk/resources/category/18/circulars.aspx		

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Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)	Chronic Homelessness Action Plan	Chronic homelessness has been identified as an issue of increasing concern to organisations across the homelessness sector. The development of the Chronic Homelessness Action Plan is a result of NIHE engagement with the sector as part of the delivery of the Homelessness Strategy 2017-22. Like the 2017-22 Strategy, the Action Plan supports a multi-agency approach to addressing homelessness and recognises the importance of local service delivery.	2 August 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations		
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Department for Communities	Updated Draft Design Guide for Travellers' sites in Northern Ireland	The DfC is responsible for maintaining a Design Guide for Travellers' sites. The guide is to support the provision of appropriate, cost-effective facilities for Travellers. It should be considered in the development of new	31 July 2019	

		sites and for sites that have to be substantially redeveloped. It seeks to outline the key issues, including the relevant planning context, that must be considered and identify the main design and management elements necessary to create high quality and sustainable Traveller sites which meet residents' traditional and cultural needs. NIHE has a strategic role in provision of Travellers accommodation.		
	Link to Consultation	The document is not published on DfC website but is available from the office on request.		
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Health and Social Care England - on behalf of UK Government and devolved administrations	Proposal to introduce mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid	This UK-wide consultation is seeking views on a proposal to add folic acid to flour. The aim is to reduce the incidence of neural tube defects (NTDs), such as spina bifida, in unborn children by raising the folate levels of women who could become pregnant.	9 September 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/adding-folic-acid-to-flour/proposal-to-add-folic-acid-to-flour-consultation-document		
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Health and Social Care Board NI	Regional Trauma Network: New Service Delivery Model for Psychological Trauma Services in Northern Ireland and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)	This consultation is seeking views on proposals for a newly enhanced service which will be for any child, young person or adult who is experiencing significant levels of psychological trauma, irrespective of the origin of their trauma.	6 September 2019	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/get-involved/consultations		
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